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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages 1 - 15 as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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the claims:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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the drawings:

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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>---</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>---</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>---</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The present application is concerned with a problem how to prevent the use of illegitimate IP addresses in a communications network.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

- D1. US 2002023160 A1
- D2. RFC 3118: "Authentication for DHCP Messages".
- D3. EP 0520709 A1
- D4. WO 0147179 A2

Claims 1 and 6:

D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses a method for access control in an access network from which the subject-matter of the independent claims 1 and 6 differs in that the source IP address of each frame is checked in the filter. It can not be considered as obvious to a skilled person to modify the system in D1 to include this feature. Consequently, the invention according to the independent claims 1 and 6 is novel and includes an inventive step. The invention according to these claims is industrially applicable.

Claims 2-5 and 7-10:

Claims 2-5 and 7-10 are dependent on claims 1 and 6 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step. These claims are also industrially applicable.